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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: REGIONAL MEETING CO-SPONSORED BY
COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU AND THAI GOVERNMENT

REFERENCE: CANBERRA 3918

1. ONLY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT HAS CONCERNING PROPOSED
MEETING AND REQUEST FOR CONSULTANTS IS CONTAINED IN FOLLOW-
ING MESSAGE RECEIVED JUNE 20 BY SENIOR ADVISER FROM DRUG
ADVISER, COLOMBO PLAN.

"COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT INVITES
THRU YOUR OFFICE DOCTOR PETER BOURNE SAODAP AS CON-
SULTANT REGIONAL NARCOTIC CONTROL CONFERENCE CHIEFS
OF NARCOTIC BUREAUS AND TREATMENT CENTRES COLOMBO
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PLAN COUNTRIES 29-31 JULY BANGKOK. APPRECIATE SUPPORT

AND HELP. LETTER FOLLOWS."

REQUEST COLOMBO AND BANGKOK PROVIDE CANBERRA ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE REPEATING TO DEPARTMENT AND GENEVA.

2. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO SUPPORT THIS COLOMBO PLAN-THAI INITIATIVE FOR GREATER REGIONAL COOPERATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND PLANS TO ASK SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE TO MAKE DR. BOURNE OR ANOTHER CONSULTANT AVAILABLE IN RESPONSE TO PIO ABARRO'S REQUEST. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT COLOMBO PLAN MEETING AND UN SPONSORED MEETING OF NARCOTIC

ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CHIEFS SHOULD BE COORDINATED TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF PROGRAM AND CONFLICT IN TIMING.

3. FOR COLOMBO AND GENEVA: REQUEST YOU ENCOURAGE COLOMBO PLAN DRUG ADVISER AND UNFDAC/DND TO CONSULT REGARDING SCHEDULING AND PROGRAM OF MEETINGS IN ORDER TO AVOID UNDESIRABLE DUPLICATION. SUGGEST YOU INVITE THEIR ATTENTION TO CND RESOLUTION APPROVED BY ECOSOC REQUESTING SECRETARY GENERAL TO TAKE ACTION TO AVOID SUCH DUPLICATION. REQUEST COLOMBO ALSO CONVEY TO PIO ABARRO OUR ASSUMPTION THAT, IN VIEW EMPHASIS COLOMBO PLAN ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF DRUG ABUSE IN ESTABLISHING DRUG ADVISER AND APPROVING HIS PROGRAM, MEETINGS ORGANIZED UNDER HIS PROGRAM WILL CONCENTRATE ON PREVENTION, TREATMENT, AND REHABILITATION. ON OTHER HAND, WE UNDERSTAND UN SPONSORED ASIAN REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SECOND WEEK SEPTEMBER PURSUANT TO RECOMMENDATION OF CND AND APPROVED BY ECOSOC, WILL CONCENTRATE ON EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AMONG NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND BETTER COORDINATION OF THEIR INVESTIGATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES. WILL APPRECIATE REPORT AFTER YOUR CONSULTATION WITH COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU AND UN DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS RESPECTIVELY. SISCO

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